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SUBJECT: 2010 Illinois Gen Poll 1 Report

This Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV Poll is based on a sample of 600 confirmed registered Illinois voters.

Interviews were conducted Friday through Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> through February 6<sup>th</sup>. The potential margin of error for a sample of 600 is +/- 4% at the 95% level of confidence. See Methodology at end.

## QUINN/ILLINOIS ISSUES

	<u>Quinn Job Approval</u>			
	<u>Aug 2009</u>	<u>Aug/Sep 2010</u>	<u>Sep 2010</u>	<u>Feb 2012</u>
	%	%	%	%
Approve	39	28	33	30
Disapprove	26	50	48	54
No opinion	35	23	20	16
Base:	(700)	(600)	(600)	(600)

	<u>Quinn Job Approval; Feb. 2-6, 2012</u>								
	<u>Cook County</u>				<u>Collar</u>	<u>Down</u>	<u>Party ID</u>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Subs.</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>state</u>	<u>Dem.</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>GOP</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	30	43	43	43	27	18	44	24	13
Disapprove	54	43	41	45	57	65	37	61	79
No opinion	16	14	16	12	16	17	19	16	8
Base:	(600)	(235)	(120)	(115)	(136)	(229)	(266)	(161)	(151)

Q 25. Thinking now about Illinois Governor Pat Quinn ...do you approve or disapprove of the job Quinn is doing?

	<u>Pat Quinn Job Approval; Sep. 24 - 28, 2010</u>									
	<u>Cook County</u>				<u>Collar</u>	<u>Down-</u>	<u>Party ID</u>			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Subs.</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>GOP</u>	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Approve	33	37	43	31	41	22	54	25	13	
Disapprove	48	38		30	46	45	59	24	58	68
No opinion	20	25	27	23	14	18	21	17	20	
Base:	(600)	(235)	(120)	(115)	(136)	(229)	(239)	(146)	(179)	

Q 10. "Do you approve or disapprove of the job Pat Quinn is doing as Governor?"

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Pat Quinn Job Approval; Aug. 28 - Sep. 1, 2010

	<u>Cook County</u>				Collar	Down-	<u>Party ID</u>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Subs.</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>GOP</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	28	32	38	26	24	26	45	22	13
Disapprove	50	44	38	50	55	52	33	53	69
No opinion	23	24	24	23	21	22	22	24	18
Base:	(600)	(235)	(120)	(115)	(136)	(229)	(222)	(184)	(160)

Pat Quinn Job Approval; Aug. 27-31, 2009

	<u>Cook County</u>				Collar	Down-	<u>Party ID</u>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Subs.</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>GOP</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	39	40	43	38	45	34	47	32	36
Disapprove	26	29	27	32	22	25	19	30	35
No opinion	35	30	31	30	33	41	34	39	29
Base:	(700)	(300)	(154)	(146)	(158)	(242)	(320)	(195)	(154)

Illinois state pensions have been underfunded for decades with balances unable to cover future retirees.

Illinois Public Worker Pension Systems Solutions; Sep. 24 - 28, 2010  
(Multiple Answer Accepted)

	<u>Cook County</u>				Collar	Down-	<u>Party ID</u>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Subs.</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>GOP</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Increase workers' contributions to pension plans	50	43	43	44	65	48	47	53	57
Cut other funded state Programs	30	14	12	16	39	42	17	34	50
Increase state business and individual taxes	21	19	28	9	24	21	28	21	10
Cut benefits to employees now retired	19	18	14	23	24	17	16	22	23
None (Vol.)	9	10	14	5	6	10	9	12	5
Don't know	12	16	14	17	12	8	14	7	12
Base:	(600)	(235)	(120)	(115)	(136)	(229)	(266)	(161)	(151)

Q 26. Political leaders under funded Illinois public worker pension systems for decades - the most under funded in the nation. Which of the following would you like to see done.....(Multiple answers accepted. Shuffle order)

Gambling Expansion; Feb. 2-6, 2012

	<u>Cook County</u>				Collar	Down-	<u>Party ID</u>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Subs.</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>GOP</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	50	52	54	50	46	50	58	48	40
Disapprove	42	40	39	41	46	41	35	46	50
No opinion	8	8	7	10	7	8	6	9	
Base:	(600)	(235)	(120)	(115)	(136)	(229)	(266)	(161)	(151)

Q 27. Illinois is considering slot machines at horse racing tracks and more land-based casinos to generate new revenue for government. Do you approve or disapprove of expansion of gambling?

## **METHODOLOGY**

This Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV poll is based on a random sample survey of 600 Illinois confirmed registered voters who have voted in recent elections.

Interviews were conducted Friday through Monday evening, February 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup> with daytime interviews on the weekend. The poll was conducted by Market Shares Corp. of Arlington Heights. Poll respondents were contacted by phone, either landline or cell, in a manner compliant with Federal Communications Commission regulations. The sample was allocated across the state based on historical patterns of voter turnout.

For samples of this size, one can say with 95 percent certainty that results will potentially differ by no more than plus or minus 4 percentage points from results obtained if all likely voters in Illinois were questioned. The margin of error for subgroups within the total sample is greater.